

REPORT FOR: LICENSING & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 6 September 2010

Subject: INFORMATION REPORT - Special Treatments Licensing of Laser and IPL Treatments

Responsible Officer: Brendon Hills Corporate Director, Community & Environment

Exempt: No

Enclosures: None

Section 1 – Summary

This report sets out the situation for operators offering laser and intense pulse light (IPL) treatments in the beauty industry. As from the 1st October 2010, these operators will be required to be licensed by the local authority under the London Local Authorities Act 1991 (Special Treatments Licensing).

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Section 2 – Report

Background

In April 2002 the Care Standards Act 2000 came into effect. Under this legislation all establishments offering laser and intense pulse light treatments had to be registered with the National Care Standard Commission (NCSC) in England (or equivalent body in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland). Later the Health & Social Care Act 2003 amended the Care Standards Act 2000 and Care Quality Commission became the enforcement authority for registering and monitoring establishments offering laser and intense pulse light treatments.

Current situation

The Care Standards Act 2000 will cease to have effect on 30th September 2010. From 1st October 2010 operators of laser and intense pulse lights used for non-surgical cosmetic aesthetic purposes such as hair removal by a health care or non health care professional will not be required to register under the Health and Social Care Act 2008. The regulation of the use of lasers and intense pulse light in the beauty industry will be transferred from Care Quality commission to Local Authorities.

In Harrow, as in most other London local authorities, beauty treatments are regulated by requiring the proprietor to apply to the local authority for a Special Treatments licence under the London Local Authorities Act 1991. Special treatments licensing regulate the provision of a wide range of treatments including massage, body piercing, tattooing, sun beds etc. From 1st October 2010, it would also cover treatments administered using Class 3B or Class 4 Lasers or Intense Pulse Light (IPL) for non-surgical cosmetic aesthetic purposes.

Section 3 – Further Information

All relevant information has been included in the Report.

Section 4 – Financial Implications

No financial implications.

Section 5 – Corporate Priorities

The regulation of special treatments including laser and intense pulse light treatments under the London Local Authorities Act 1991, ensures standards in such premises and offers protection to members of public receiving treatments and to persons working within the beauty industry.

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Section 6 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: None